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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Sheila B. Smith

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burhrmann et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,950,125) in view of well known prior art.

Regarding claims 1-4, Burhrmann discloses a communications system (100, 300) comprising base stations (101) for providing mobile stations (115) with communications links and at least one localized service area (105)(which reads on column 2 lines 2-5); characterized in that it comprises a service server which is arranged to maintain information concerning the location of mobile stations in localized service areas (which reads on column 7 lines 4-16) and to generate requests for changing the service selection offered to mobile stations (which reads on column 13 lines 4-8), and means (108, 109) for changing the service selection offered to a mobile station on the initiative of the communications system in response to an indication of the arrival of the mobile station in said localized service area (which reads on column 2 lines 14-17). However Burhrmann fails to disclose from the mobile stations, mobile station generated messages (203) describing the location of the mobile.

Burhrmann fails to specifically disclose in the specification that the mobile station generated messages describing the location of the mobile. However the examiner takes official notice that the mobile providing location information to the system was well known in the art.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill at the time the invention was made to modify Buhrmannet et al. by specifically providing for the mobile stations, generated messages describing the location of the mobile for the purpose of informing the system as to the location of the mobile in case of a handoff situation

Regarding claims 5,6, Buhrmannet et al. a cellular mobile station comprising a control block and memory means, characterized in that said memory means are adapted so as to store the information required for recognizing a localized service area, whereby the mobile station is adapted so as to send a notification of its arrival in the localized service area in response to the recognition of the localized service area, said notification being intended as an impulse for changing the service selection offered to the mobile station (which reads on column 2 lines 60-65).

Regarding claims 7-12, Buhrmannet et al. discloses a method for changing the service selection offered to a mobile station in a communications system that comprises base stations for providing mobile stations with communications links, characterized in that it comprises steps in which from the mobile station there is received a message indicating that the mobile station has detected that it is in the localized service area information is generated about the arrival of a mobile station in a localized service area (which reads on column 7 lines 4-16), and the service selection offered to said mobile station on the initiative of the communications system is changed (which reads on column 2 lines 60-65).

Citation of Pertinent Prior Art

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bolduc et al. (U. S. Patent Number 6,157,841) discloses cellular phone network that provides location based information;

Joyce et al. (U. S. Patent Number 5,740,538) discloses system and method for identifying the location of a wireless terminal;

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (703)305-0104. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne Bost can be reached on 703-305-4778. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)872-9314 for regular communications and (703)308-6296 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-9700.


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